



Indiana Department of Education

End-of-Course Assessments

To: Corporation Test Coordinator

From: Michele Walker, Director of Student Assessment

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Re: End-of-Course Assessments, 2008-2009 Administration

This memorandum outlines the Indiana End-of-Course Assessment system for the 2008-2009 school year. The most significant update for this year is the fact that the ECA system now includes only one vendor for Algebra I, English 11, and Biology I, and one vendor for Algebra II.

TESTING WINDOWS, DATA COLLECTION & TESTING FORMATS

Corporations will need to upload data to the STN Application Center in order to generate barcode labels for paper-and-pencil testing. This process must also be followed to generate files for all students that will be participating in online testing.

<http://ideanet.doe.in.gov/stn/>

Questar is the vendor for **Algebra I, Biology I, and English 11**. The testing mode will be the same for all three ECAs during each administration. The testing schedule for Questar is:

Administration Window	Administration Dates	Data Collection	Test Format
A1	Dec. 8 – 19, 2008, Jan. 5 – 16, 2009	Nov. 3 - 14	Online
A2	Feb. 9 - 27, 2009	January 12 - 26	Online
A3	May 4 – June 3, 2009	March 16 - 27	Online & Paper-and-Pencil

The Pilot for English 10 will be given during the A3 Administration window, and Questar will be the vendor. Schools will be asked to volunteer to participate in the pilot, and from those volunteering, a determination will be made as to the schools who will participate.

Pearson, ADP is the vendor for **Algebra II** and the testing schedule is:

Administration Window	Administration Dates	Data Collection	Test Format
A1	Dec. 8 – 19, 2008, Jan. 12 – 23, 2009	Nov. 3 - 6	Paper-and-Pencil
A3	May 1 – June 12, 2009	March 16 - 27	Online & Paper-and-Pencil

PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

All students finishing Algebra I at the time of testing, *including middle school students taking Algebra* should participate in the Algebra I End-of-Course Assessment.

All students finishing **Biology I** *at the time of testing* should participate in the Biology I End-of-Course Assessment. The Biology I End-of-Course Assessment is a component of No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Every state must administer a High School Science test to comply with NCLB requirements; Indiana will use the Biology I ECA to fulfill this federal requirement.

All Grade 11 students finishing an **English/Language Arts** course for their third year of English credit *at the time of testing* should participate in the **English 11** End-of-Course Assessment.

All students finishing **Algebra II** *at the time of testing* should participate in the **Algebra II** End-of-Course Assessment.

Please note: At this time, it is anticipated that schools will be required to record a student's performance on an Indiana ECA on the student's transcript.

Testing Details

Algebra I, Biology I, and English 11

- Online format for A1 and A2
- Online or paper-and-pencil for A3
- Not scored locally, shipped to Questar Assessment Inc. for scoring
- Score reports will be available online

Algebra II

- Pencil-and-paper format for A1
- Online or paper-and-pencil for A3
- Not be scored locally; shipped to Pearson ADP for scoring

Time Allotment

The time allotment for each assessment is divided into two sessions: Session 1 and Session 2. Each session takes approximately 45 minutes to administer to students. (The assessments may also be delivered in one 90-minute session.)

TEST REGISTRATION

As a Corporation Test Coordinator (CTC), you are responsible for registering each of the schools in your corporation that will be participating in the assessments.

A separate email with specific instructions for the registration process for each assessment will be sent at a later date.

**Questar Web Training Calendar for the 2008-2009 administrations of A1 and A2
(all times Eastern)**

Training Session	Date	Time	Focus for Training
#1	Thursday, November 20	8:30 – 9:45 AM	CTC (only)
#2	Tuesday, November 25	3:00 – 4:15 PM	CTC/STC (combined)
#3	Tuesday, December 2	3:00 – 4:15 PM	Teacher/Examiner

Web Training Registration for Questar (Algebra I, Biology I, and English 11)

Be sure to register the School Test Coordinators, Teachers and/or Examiners who will need training for online or paper-and-pencil assessments. To register yourself and your staff for a Web Training Session, please send the following information for each participant.

1. Date of Session
2. Participant's name
3. School name
4. E-mail address
5. Telephone number

***Note:** If multiple people will be joining in on the same training under one login, indicate which person will be the lead contact and should be responsible for receiving the registration information.*

Schools can either call Questar ECA Customer Support at 877-424-0322 or email ECASupport@Questarai.com to register.

Specific details on the web training site and login information will be sent several days prior to the web training.

Information regarding **Web Training for Pearson, ADP** will be available in the near future.

Support Information

End-of-Course Assessment Related Questions and General Information:

IDOE's ECA Help Desk

Phone: 1-317-232-9050

Email: ECA@doe.in.gov

Questar Online Technology or Paper-and-Pencil Testing Related Questions:

Phone: 1-877-424-0322

Email: ECASupport@Questarai.com

ADP Algebra II End-of-Course Exam Related Questions (A3 only):

Phone: 1-866-688-9555

Email: ADP@support.pearson.com

For future reference, this information will be posted in memorandum format at <http://doe.in.gov/core40eca/welcome.html>